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Data Contracts

OpenAPI for Data?



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Data contracts are a tool for communicating and building shared expectations and understanding of data

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Problems with data comprehension

- Field and table names are not sufficient to understand the content
- Field and model descriptions are not supported by all schema description technologies.
- Documentation for production code is often located elsewhere
- Explanations for field or model descriptions require further context

This leads to:

- Misinterpreted data
- Incorrect models
- Incorrect conclusions

Technical problems

Use of non-consensual APIs can break important analytical systems, e.g.:

- Direct Queries
- ETL pipelines
- Data products
- On-read schemas in data lakes

This leads to:

- Data reaches its target too late
- Unhappy Data Engineers

**A clear
interface
definition
that data
consumers
can rely on,
and data
producers can
build upon.**

Data Contract

The most important characteristics:

- Clear schema
- Clear semantics
- Clear guarantees on data quality
- Clear guarantees on availability
- Clear ownership

Cool, but what can I do with it?

Basis for discussion

Bring together data providers and data consumers.

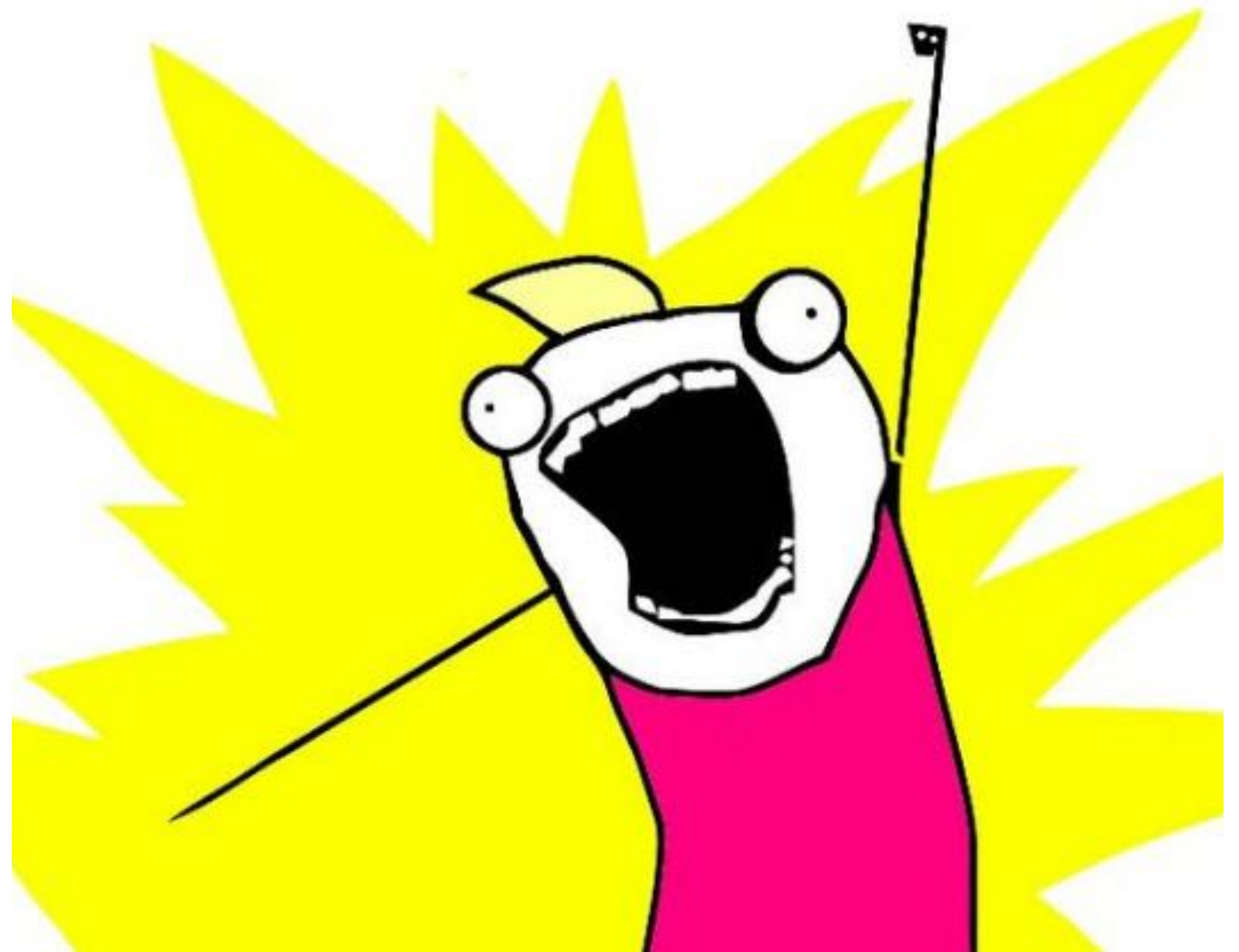
Talk about what they can provide
and what is needed.



Automation

- Documentation
- Access control
- Resource provisioning
- Alerting
- Continuous integration

AUTOMATE ALL THE THINGS



So, what do I need to put in the document?

Content characteristics

- Data Model (Schema & Semantics)
- Data quality
- How to access the data
- Ownership information
- Service level objectives
- Terms of service
- Sample data

Structural characteristics

- Machine readable
- Human readable
- Versionable
- Room for expansion
- Technology agnostic

I want to implement that, but how?

Discussion formats

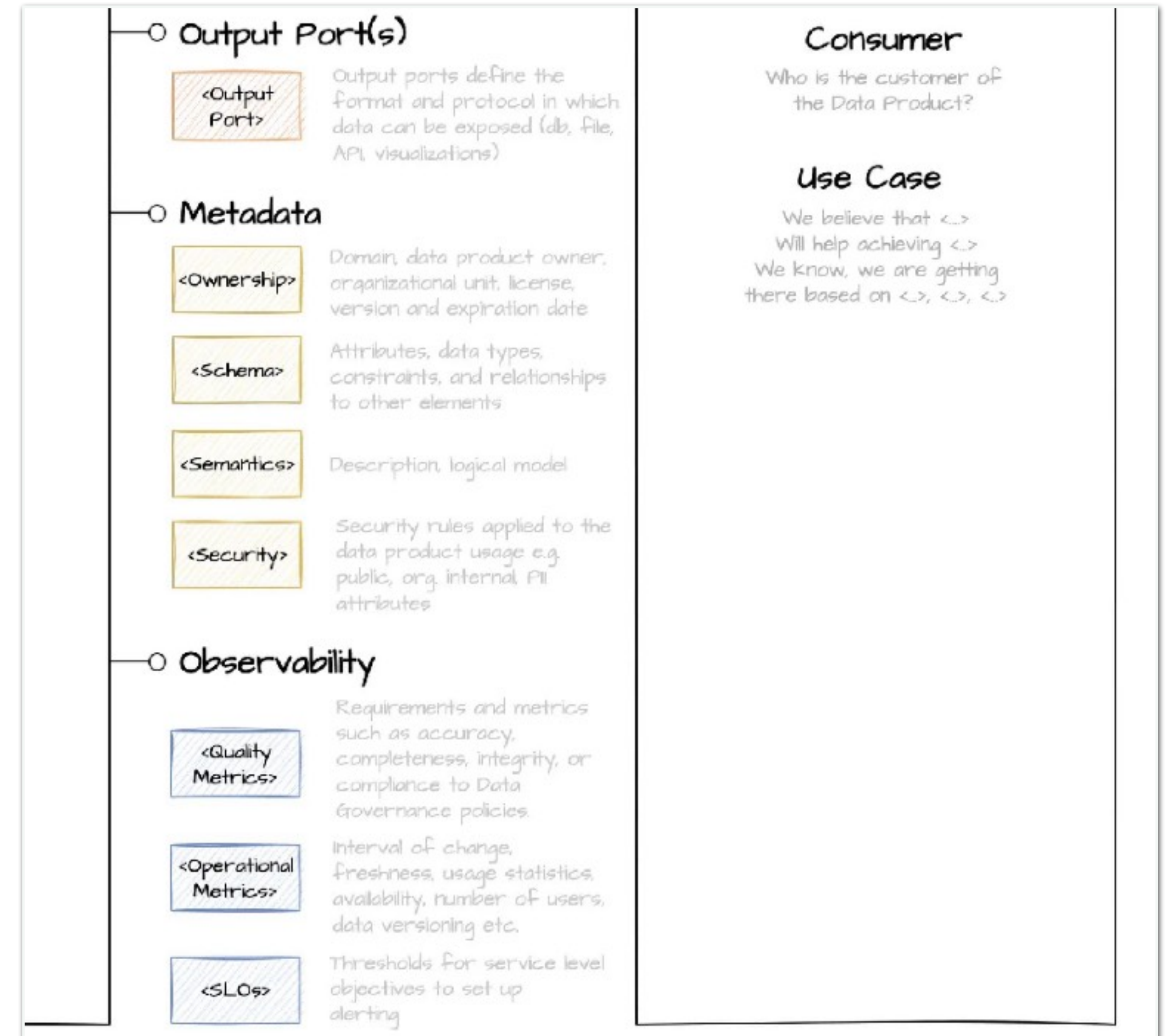
- Provider driven
- Consumer driven
- Data contract workshop
- Change requests



Data Contract Workshop

Things to consider:

- Who takes part?
- Work with sticky notes or technical document?
- What has to be discussed?



datamesh-architecture.com/data-product-canvas

Now let's open Word, okay?

(No, we do not.)

JSON Schema

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OpenAPI

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Open Data Contract Standard

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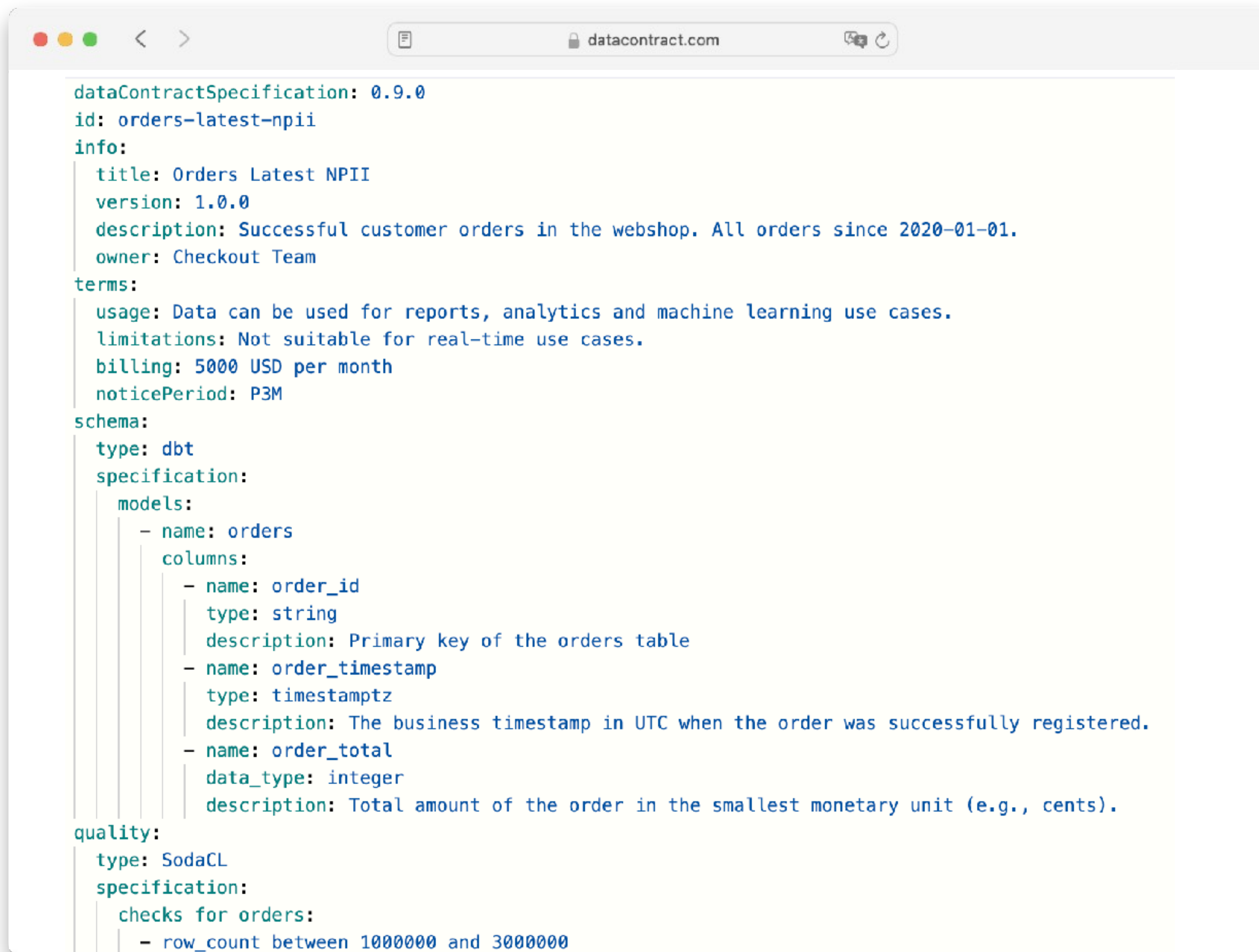
Data Contract Specification

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A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a data contract specification. The browser's address bar shows the URL "datacontract.com". The page content is a JSON-like structure representing a data contract. The contract is for "orders-latest-npii" and includes details about its version (1.0.0), description, owner, usage terms, schema (dbt), and quality checks (SodaCL).

```
dataContractSpecification: 0.9.0
id: orders-latest-npii
info:
  title: Orders Latest NPII
  version: 1.0.0
  description: Successful customer orders in the webshop. All orders since 2020-01-01.
  owner: Checkout Team
terms:
  usage: Data can be used for reports, analytics and machine learning use cases.
  limitations: Not suitable for real-time use cases.
  billing: 5000 USD per month
  noticePeriod: P3M
schema:
  type: dbt
  specification:
    models:
      - name: orders
        columns:
          - name: order_id
            type: string
            description: Primary key of the orders table
          - name: order_timestamp
            type: timestamptz
            description: The business timestamp in UTC when the order was successfully registered.
          - name: order_total
            data_type: integer
            description: Total amount of the order in the smallest monetary unit (e.g., cents).
quality:
  type: SodaCL
  specification:
    checks for orders:
      - row_count between 1000000 and 3000000
```

datacontract.com

Data Contract

urn:datacontract:checkout:orders-latest-npii

YAML ▾

 Share

 Open in Editor


Info

Information about the data contract

Title		Version
Orders Latest NPII		1.0.0
Description		
Successful customer orders in the webshop. All orders since 2020-01-01. PII data is removed.		
Owner	Contact	
Checkout Team	John Doe (Data Product Owner) john.doe@example.com	

Servers

Servers of the data contract

	Server	Type	Project	Dataset
	production	BigQuery	acme_orders_prod	bigquery_orders_latest_npII_v1

Terms

Terms and conditions of the data contract

Usage

Data can be used for reports, analytics and machine learning use cases. Order may be linked and joined by other tables

Limitations

Not suitable for real-time use cases. Data may not be used to identify individual customers. Max data processing per day: 10 TiB

Billing

5000 USD per month

Notice Period

3 months

Schema

dbt

yaml

Model

Source

orders

One record per order. Includes cancelled and deleted orders.

order_id

string

Primary key of the orders table

order_timestamp

timestampz

The business timestamp in UTC when the order was successfully payed.

order_total

integer

Total amount of the order in the smallest monetary unit (e.g., cents).

line_items

The items that are part of an order

lines_item_id

string

Primary key of the lines_item_id table

order_id

string

Foreign key to the orders table

sku

string

The purchased article number

Can we automate anything other than documentation?

NAME:
datacontract – Manage your data contracts 📄

USAGE:
datacontract [global options] command [command options] [arguments...]

VERSION:
v0.3.2

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COMMANDS:

init	create a new data contract
lint	linter for the data contract
test	EXPERIMENTAL – run tests for the data contract
schema	print schema of the data contract
quality	print quality checks of the data contract
open	save and open the data contract in Data Contract Studio
diff	EXPERIMENTAL (dbt specification only) – show differences of your local and a remote data contract
breaking	EXPERIMENTAL (dbt specification only) – detect breaking changes between your local and a remote data contract
inline	inline all references specified with '\$ref' notation
help, h	Shows a list of commands or help for one command

cli.datacontract.com



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stefannegele@Stefans-MBP:~/demo

~/demo


```
$ datacontract test --test-options "-d duckdb_local -c quality/soda-conf.yml" --file contracts/data-contract
[...]  
Creating quality directory if needed...  
[18:01:15] Soda Core 3.0.51  
[18:01:16] Scan summary:  
[18:01:16] 2/2 checks PASSED:  
[18:01:16]     transport_routes in duckdb_local  
[18:01:16]         row_count between 90000 and 100000 [PASSED]  
[18:01:16]         invalid_percent(freq) = 0 % [PASSED]  
[18:01:16] All is good. No failures. No warnings. No errors.
```




Danke! Fragen?



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